

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are canceled without prejudice and without acquiescence. Claims 21-30 are added. Support for claims 21-30 can be found in the original claims and throughout the specification.

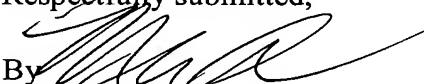
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P02110US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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